

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 10 have been written in independent form as claims 8 and 18, respectively. Since claims 9 and 10 were indicated as directed to allowable subject matter, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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